Toorloo Arm Primary School



NEWSLETTER

28th of February 2023

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 (subject to change)							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
Week 5 Feb	27	28 Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	1 No preps at school	2 Div swim Bdale Tennis	3		
Week 6 Mar	6 School Photos	7 Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	8	9	10 School Council Nominations Close.		
Week 7 Mar	13 Labour Day	14 Parent/Teacher Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	15 Conversations Gr 3&5 NAPLAN Test Window Begins	16 After School Tennis	17 All Week 3.30-4.30		
Week 8 Mar	20	21 Harmony Day -Visiting artist Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	22	23	24		
Week 9 Mar	27 Conclusion of NAPLAN	28 Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	29 SCHOOL COUNCIL	30 Tennis	31		
Week 10 Apr	3	4 Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	5	6 Last day of term early finish 2:15	7 GOOD FRIDAY		
Term 2 APRIL	24th Pupil Free Day	ANZAC Day	Term 2 commences for students				

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Please include details - Surname and description e.g. Fees, uniform, camp etc.

Dear Parents and Carers,

A special welcome to Brooke Mills who has joined the Toorloo Team in the role of Education Support. We look forward to your positive contribution to the students in our school.

A big thanks to Larissa Murray and Matt Spiker who accompanied our grade 4's to Cottage By The Sea. Their preparedness to leave their own families for a week so that all children can have the experience is something we are very grateful for.

School Council

We will be extending the nomination period for parent representatives on School Council. Please consider nominating for school council as it a great way to get involved with the school and meet other parents. School Council only meets 8 times a year on the third Wednesday of the month. First Council meeting for the new council will be held on Wednesday 29th of March.

School Photos

Envelopes for school photos went home yesterday. Please complete your requests and send them back to school by Monday 6th of March. If you would like a family photo, please collect the family envelope from the office.

Parent/Teacher Conversations

Spaces are filling up fast so please return your request form to the office so we can best allocate times that are most convenient for you and your family.



NAPLAN for Grade 3 & 5 students

NAPLAN for students in grade 3 & 5 is coming up in the next few weeks. The tests will be in Writing, Reading, Numeracy and Conventions of Language (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation). Prior to the tests students will have a practise to familiarise themselves with the format of the tests. If you have any concerns regarding NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.





If your child is absent from school due to illness or another valid reason, please register their absence by Phoning the school office on 51565517 Or Recording the absence on the Skoolbag App

Junior School Councillors - Semester 1

Those students chosen as Junior School Councillors for semester 1 will receive their badges at Fridays assembly. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Private Music Tuition with Mike will commence this Friday.

We look forward to having our preps at school for their first full week next week and good luck to those students participating in the divisional swimming carnival on Thursday in Bairnsdale.

Have a great week everyone, Kerry Hughes

Students of the Week



Prep

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through this term. Everyone is doing an amazing job, keep it up. Congratulations to our award winners, Ned Jol for his great mindset last week, giving tasks a go and keeping himself on task. Casey Bills for his great math thinking, recognising fast and effective ways to record his findings.



Wednesdays

This is the last Wednesday the Preps have Wednesdays off. I am looking forward to seeing those last 4 students.

Take home Readers

Please remember that take home readers need to come back to school everyday, so students can swap over their books and get a reading star. We are aiming to get a reading star everyday this week.

Library

We go to the library every Friday so on these days students can choose a new library book if they have returned their previous one. Library books get returned every Friday.

This week we are looking at:

Reading:

- This week in our Readers Workshop we are looking at G.K.R (Getting Knowledge Ready)
- We are building a range of reading strategies, such as doing a picture walk, getting our mouth ready and pointing to words.
- We are focusing on the letters I,u,h,c,b looking at name, sound and visual cues.

Writing:

- Segmenting CVC words

 this is when you break apart the sounds you hear in short three sound word
 and write the sounds you hear.
- Learning correct letter formation for I,u,h,c,b
- Putting pen to paper and building our confidence to have a go.

Maths: Number knowledge: Building our friends of ten knowledge, 2 numbers that when added together make 10, and finding strategies to help us quickly find all the pairs. Have a great week,

Miss Cock

Grades 1/2

Hello and welcome to week 5!

This week our awards in 1/2A went to **Abel Nicholas** and **Charlotte Butcher**. Abel for the effort he has been putting into all tasks, particularly in his maths and the way he can explain his thinking to others. Charlotte for her awesome beginning that she wrote, using the sound of a horse as inspiration to start her piece. In 1/2B, awards went to **Travis Tregonning** for his brilliant 'Bold Beginning' idea in writing ('sss' goes



the tiger snake); Lucas Dodd for fantastic smartie counting by tens! and Zayn Smith for finding a quick way to count Smarties by counting them by 10s. Well done to all students!

This week in reading, we are working on our fluency in our reading, noticing punctuation and making sure that we re-read to make our reading sound smooth.

In writing, we are continuing to work on our 'bold beginnings' by looking at some other techniques that writers use to help them start a story. Later in the week, our handwriting focus will be on the letters i, t and j.

In maths we are continuing our work on place value through a variety of games and really trying to develop our understanding of hundreds, tens and ones. We will also be beginning work on the concept of greater than and less than to assist students in understanding the magnitude of numbers.

Integrated Studies

This term our Integrated Studies focus is around history. Specifically, change over time and through generations. We are aiming to make a bit of a museum between the classrooms with all different objects/photographs/artifacts to demonstrate to students how things change throughout the past, present and future. If you have something that you can lend to us for this museum, we would love for you to bring it in. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Finally, we would like to welcome Brooke who began working with 1/2A last week as Education Support. If you see her around, make sure to say hello!

Thanks and have a great week! Eliza Cunningham and Caitlin Jackson

Grades 3/4

Hello 3/4!

After a week of just Grade 3 at school, Mrs Haldane gave awards to:

- Zoe Nairn for her enthusiasm for figurative language! and
- Griffin Reggardo for the way he is embracing and sharing about making new friends in Grade 3.

After a week of camp for the Grade 4s, Mrs Murray held off her awards until Friday (and they will be posted in next week's newsletter).

On the topic of camp, if you haven't already heard, The Cottage By The Sea camp was, in student terms, "the best!" Every child who attended was well behaved, polite, resilient, patient, enthusiastic and pushed themselves to meet different challenges of the camp. It was a long drive there (8 hours) followed by 3 action packed days and a slightly quicker drive home. Tuesday was swimming at an indoor pool followed by Bounce (trampolines and climbing walls); Wednesday was boogie boarding in the ocean before completing a low ropes course and then a walk to an aquarium to learn about the freshwater and seawater environments around Queenscliff; and Thursday was a trip to 360Q to enjoy 360 degree views from the harbour then some stingray spotting and tickling ghost shrimps, followed by a trip on a boat when there was opportunity to jump off the boat, snorkel and have a "duck spa".















This week:

LITERACY -

- Focus on identifying, classifying and recording different types of figurative language found in our reading (simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia and personification);
- Grade 3 persuasive writing:
- Grade 4 WOW recounts;

MATHS -

- Exploring the meaning of =, > and < what they mean and how to use them;
- Place value understanding how to make the biggest number from given digits;

INTEGRATED STUDIES - Developing our Learning Culture

Creating questions that help us learn more about each other;

Good luck to those students who are heading to the Divisional Swim Carnival on Thursday. Please don't forget that Monday will be our school photo day. Get those photo order requests in as soon as possible. Have a great week!

Mrs Haldane, Mrs Murray and Alyssa 😊



Grades 5/6

Hi Year 5/6 families

Students of the week are:

Tahlia Roberts for the persistence and effort she puts into each learning task, great job going above and beyond with your learning.

Ruby Pool for the excellent ideas and word choice used in her ladybird narrative. Well done Ruby.

Alex Jones for following instructions and staying on task. Well done Alex

Chardell Nicholas for caring and supporting others. You are constantly demonstrating our school values in the way you treat others. You are a great role model, Chardell

Good luck to the swimmers going through to the divisional swimming carnival on Thursday. Have a great time and enjoy the day.



This week in reading we are continuing to focus on vocabulary – using synonyms and prefixes and suffixes to work out the meaning of unknown words and summarising- identifying the problems and solutions, and major character moments to assist in retelling and summarising a text.

In writing students are drafting a narrative, adding in new ideas learnt from mini lessons.

In maths, we are practising to fluently read and write numbers into the millions and above through games and partner tasks. Students will be learning to partition numbers by their place value and using knowledge of the place value system to play a range of games to reinforce the concept.

We will begin our 3 week sports rotations this Wednesday. Students will rotate through bike Education, T ball and cricket. The following students will be doing Bike Ed this week and will need to bring their bike (in good working order) and helmet to school on Wednesday; Landon, Drazik, Jake, Taj, Lila, Haylee, Mason,, Kannon, Sibella, Sienna-Rose, Ever, Couper and Charlotte.

Thanks, Alec McPhee and Ali Mackie

SPORT and PE NEWS

Senior PE Students of the Week

Tyler Hartley, **George Holley** and **TJ Baxter**-for their positive mindset approach and participation in Wednesday Sport Rotations

PE and Sport at school has kicked off for the Grade 3-6s. For our Minor Games unit, we have played some interesting games such as Pickle Ball, Ultimate Frisbee and Thunder Hockey, as well as the usual favourites. A great start with fantastic participation and applying our class expectations on what it takes to be fair and honest in PE!

This week a group of Grade 5/6 students will be commencing Bike Riding for Sport on Wednesday afternoon. If you could please support your child to check their bike condition (ABC-Air in tyres, Brakes working and Chain is not too loose) and helmets fit well and in good order. We will rotate students through over the next 3 weeks to further practice their skills and safety at school and on the Lake Tyers Beach Road Bike Track. Please let us know if you need some help with this!

Junior PE Students of the Week

Samantha Humphrey and **Rebecca Jones** for their positive enthusiasm towards the Mario Kart obstacle course. They both worked hard throughout the lesson to complete many laps of the course!

In Junior PE this week, focus has been on key locomotion movement skills including running, jumping, hopping and skipping. The students worked on individual skills before participating in a Mario Kart themed obstacle course where they were able to practice these skills further. Some students even suggested ideas on how to change the course which we will implement this week!

Divison Swimming Carnival: BAIRNSDALE

Good luck to Grace Lunny, Tarzaiyah Sellings, Ivy O'Donnell and Evelyn Carlisle (10 year old girls relay team); Ray Wang, Max Friend, Coen Buck-Roberts and Abel McKerrell 10 year old boys relay team) and Billy Warfe, Zeppelin Allan and George Holley and Jackson Cheesley (12 year old boys relay team) and individually Gabriella Reggardo (Backstroke) and Billy Warfe (Breaststroke) who will be competing in the Division Swimming Carnival this Thursday in Bairnsdale.

Thanks to the parents who have offered to help out with transport. Please return the medical and transport forms asap so that arrangements can be finalised.

Transport details are:

Grant Warfe: depart TAPS 10.00 Billy and Gaby (individual events)

Alyssa Warfe: depart TAPS 10.30 Abel Max and Ray

Meagan Lunny: depart TAPS 10.30 Gracie, Tarzi and Evelyn



Ivy's mum: Ivy

Mrs Plant: depart TAPS 10.30 Jackson, Kayden, George or Zeppelin

Please don't hesitate to catch up with us if you have any concerns about your child's participation in PE, or if you are interested in connecting them up with sport in the community, we can usually you point in the right direction.



Net-Set-Go

Lakes Entrance Netball Association is running a Net-Set-Go mainstream session, starting Wednesday 1st March. The sessions will run from 4 to 4.45pm. NetSetGO is Australia's official Netball starter program for children aged five to 10.



ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS

Tennis coaching with Nigel Carr continues this Thursday 2nd March. **Don't forget** that Nigel has moved the lessons to Lakes Entrance Tennis Club (behind the Aquadome) to accommodate everyone safely. Newcomers are welcome to join due to the change in venue, so please return your form below. The session is an hour long starting at **4.15 pm to 5.15 pm** -a reminder parents are required to stay for the hour. If the weather is not looking great, please keep an eye on the SkoolBag ap for any changes.

The rest of the sessions for Term 1 are fortnightly (Thursday 16th March and

Thursday 30th March).

TENNIS - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

I give permission for my child	to be considered to participate in the tenr	of class nis program.
Signed	Date	
Thanks,		
Barb and Tom		
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Important Sport dates for Term 1 2023

Thurs 2nd March Division Swim Bairnsdale Qualifying swimmers (back up 3rd Mar)

Thursday 2nd Mar ATF FREE tennis coaching 4.15-5.15 Lakes Entrance Tennis Club

Thurs 16th March Regional Swimming

Thursday 16th Mar ATF FREE tennis coaching 4.15-5.15 Lakes Entrance Tennis Club

Thursday 30th Mar ATF FREE tennis coaching 4.15-5.15 Lakes Entrance Tennis Club



MUSIC

Welcome to the weekly music addition to our newsletter! In music this term, Grade 3-6 students will be exploring all things music. They will have the opportunity to listen to various genres and styles of music, learn to play several musical instruments and create rhythms and songs both digitally and non-digitally. The focus of these experiences is to make music fun for all. Last week, Grades 3-6 chose from a selection of instruments to play and were introduced to playing and repeating rhythm using an interactive Mario Kart programme. Participation and enthusiasm were evident across all four classes and it was extremely difficult choosing my students of the week!

Sam Davies and **Kayden Smith** were the students of the week this week. Sam quickly mastered the various rhythms and successfully used the recorder to replay them to the class. Kayden persisted hard with the drum and his persistence paid off, successfully playing the more difficult rhythms by the end of the class.

Tom

ART

Half-way through the term already! Junior Students have been exploring the idea of 'throw-away' materials to create artworks based on the works of Australian Artist, Elizabeth Gower, while Senior Students are finishing off their investigation into Pop Art.

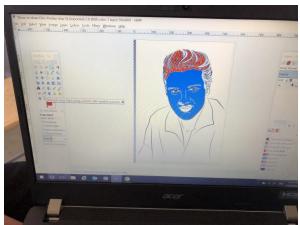






Prep Students using 'throw away' materials to create artworks.

Billie Ryan with her final creation.



Pop Art inspired digital artwork by Senior Student, Marshal Jessep.



Artist of the week, Darcy Eastham.

Jobi Laybourne.





The East Gippsland Soccer League is back. Registrations are open!

Ages Groups and Eligibility:

U7 - 1st Jan 2016- 31 Dec 2017

U9 - 1st Jan 2014 - 31st Dec 2015

U11 - 1st Jan 2012 - 31st Dec 2013

U13 - 1st Jan 2010 - 31st Dec 2011

Season: 29th April - August 12th, Finals: 19th - 26th August

Price: \$180

Location: Howitt Park, Bairnsdale

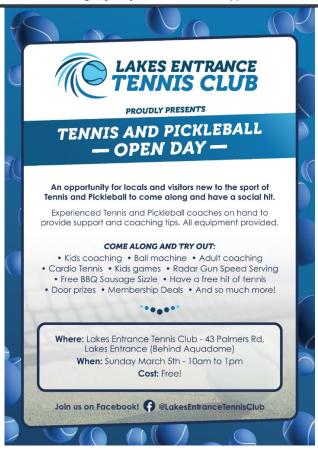
Teams will be based on location: Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Tambo Valley, Paynesville/Eagle Point and Orbost.

Register using the QR Code or at:

https://www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/East-Gippsland-United-FC



Being a community sport, we ask that parents/guardians volunteer for team roles such as coach, manager, jersey washer and fruit supplier.



Junior Football Training

Junior Training will start on Wednesday 1st March 2023 @ 4.30pm for all ages groups. More information on registrations will be available soon.

For any further information regarding Junior Football please contact Junior President, Matt Zagami on 0407 170 178





Facilitated Playgroup

TOORLOO ARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Are you interested in attending a facilitated Playgroup at Toorloo Arm Primary School? Come and join the fun!

What is a playgroup?

Playgroup gives parents and carers the opportunity to meet, share ideas and talk about the joy and challenges of parenting. Playgroup provides the ideal environment for children (0-5), including newborns, to interact with adults and children, and learn more about their world.

What's involved?

Playgroup will run on a weekly basis on a Tuesday from **9.30-11am** during the school term.

Are you interested?

Contact Principal Kerry Hughes on kerry.hughes@education.vic.gov.au or 5156 5517 or just rock up on the day and introduce yourself to the Uniting team!

Uniting







Calm Kids Central Free Webinar Series - for parents/caregivers with children with big feelings or life challenges

(Clinical Child Psychologist Kirrilie Smout)

Learn to support your primary school aged child with worry, managing frustration, feeling more co-operative and managing tricky issues.

Webinar 1: "Calm and Confident Kids" - learn to help children with a tendency towards worry, stress or anxiety. Monday 6th of March 2023 at 7pm (ACDT), or 7.30pm (AEDT)

Webinar 2: Calm and Co-operative Kids" - learn to support children with big feelings - to manage frustration and feel more co-operative. Monday 20th of March 2023 at 7pm (ACDT), or 7.30pm (AEDT)

Webinar 3: "Calm and Connected Kids" - learn to help children to develop positive friendships and manage peer difficulties Monday 27th of March 2023 at 7pm (ACDT), or 7.30pm (AEDT)

To register (you can attend 1 or all 3) please go to: https://developingminds.net.au/webinars

Are you a **child mental health professional or educator**? Please join us and STAY for 15 minutes at the end of the parent/caregiver webinar for 15 minutes for a few essential ideas for working as a professional with children with these concerns.



Presented by clinical child psychologist Kirrilie Smout. Kirrilie has had 25 years experience in working with children and families, is the author of two books about children and mental health and regularly consults with national bodies about child mental health concerns. She is the Director of Developing Minds Psychology and Education Services and Calm Kid Central programs. CKC is an online program of courses and games for children to help them manage emotional health challenges.

www.calmkidcentral.com

Any questions please contact Sandra on: sandra@developingminds.net.au

Calm Kid Cental is supported by Gippsland Primary Health Network Victoria, Adelaide Primary Health Network, CAMHS Central Coast NSW, WHIN NSW and HCF health insurer.



East Gippsland Kinship Carer Support Group

Are you caring for a child or children because a family member or friend is unable to? Would you like to meet others who are in a similar situation and will understand what you are going through?

Would you like to be with people who will listen to your stories without judgement?

All Kinship Carers are welcome and morning tea will be supplied

WHEN:

The third Thursday of each month at 10:30am-12:30pm

WHERE:

The Hub 27 Dalmahoy Street Bairnsdale

RSVP FOR CATERING:

Anita on 0475 740 927 or kinshipcaregippsland@berrystreet.org.au or use the following link to register https://forms.office.com/r/GxK2dgVsBu

2023 MEETING DATES:

19th of January
16th of February
16th of March
20th of April
18th of May
15th of June
20th of July
17th of August
21st of September
19th of October
16th of November
21st of December



